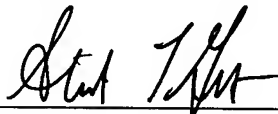


REMARKS

Applicant has presented a replacement set of claims fully complying with 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. The claims are fully supported by the specification and drawings submitted at the time of filing the application, and no new matter has been presented by their content. The submission of the replacement claims reflects an Information Disclosure Statement submitted on March 18, 2003 and is allowable over the art presented.

If any fees are due or owing based on this submission, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2455 the deficiency. Please note that the original application paid for 32 total claims, and two independent claims, and the Preliminary Amendment does not exceed the original filing.

Respectfully submitted,



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